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SUBJ: SIAD AND SAMATAR REASSURE THE ARMY AND POPULACE

1. PRESIDENT SIAD SPOKE ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 11, THE EVE OF THE 18TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE NATIONAL ARMY. HE INCLUDED SEVERAL COMMENTS ON THE EVENTS OF THE SEVERAL PRECEDING DAYS, INCLUDING A REFERENCE TO THE INSURGENTS AS "A SMALL GROUP WHO WERE SERVING FOREIGN POWERS". HE SAID THAT "THE PUPPET GROUP" HAD KILLED 20 PERSONS, WOUNDED 34 OTHERS AND DESTROYED A FEW MILITARY VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS. HE ALSO SAID THAT "MOST OF THE PLOTTERS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED EXCEPT A FEW WHO FLED AWAY AND ARE BEING HUNTED DOWN". HIS OTHER COMMENTS ON THE COUP ATTEMPT STRESSED FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT.

2. VICE-PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE MOHAMED ALI SAMATAR ALSO SPOKE APRIL 11. IN ADDITION TO PRAISING THE ARMY, HE ASSERTED THAT "IT IS SURPRISING TO SEE THE WESTERN STAND CONVERGING WITH THE RUSSIAN ONE AND HENCE BOTH THE WEST AND THE EAST AGREEING ON THE DEFENSE OF ETHIOPIAN COLONIALISM AND OPPOSITION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THIS IS AN INDICATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF SECRET TREATIES BASED ON GRAND DESIGNS AIMED AT DIVIDING AND RULING THE WORLD."

3. DISCUSSING THE GROUP ATTEMPT, SAMATAR SAID THAT "A SMALL GROUP, SERVING FOREIGN POWERS, HAS ATTEMPTED TO EXPLOIT THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD WHICH THE COUNTRY IS

UNDERGOING." HE ALSO SAID THAT THE PLOTTERS MISLED SOME
SOLDIERS BY TELLING THEM THAT THEY WERE DEFENDING
THE REVOLUTION, BUT ON LEARNING OF THE TRICK AND SOLDIERS
IMMEDIATELY SWITCHED THEIR GUNS AGAINST THE PLOTTERS.
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